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Summary of Executive Session Meeting
Stevens Memorial Library Board of Trustees
June 4, 2013

Paula Dowd made a motion to go into Executive Session. Joseph von Deck seconded the motion. By roll call vote Paula Dowd, Yes, Margaret Donovan, Yes, Paula St. Laurent Kuehl, Yes, Debra Mercier, Yes, Mary Kate Romano, Yes, Joseph von Deck, Yes.

Debra Mercier received a call and requested to be excused from the Executive Session because of a family emergency.

Request granted by Chair.

Paula Dowd called the executive session to order.

Executive Session started at 5:40 P.M.

Margaret Donovan and Paula St. Laurent Kuehl would not be voting on the March 11, 2013 Executive Session Meeting Minutes. Margaret had not been present at that meeting and Paula Kuehl had not been a Trustee.

Margaret made a statement to the Board. She wanted to thank Kate for doing such a great job taking the March 11th minutes. She stated she could not understand why Town Counsel wanted the Board to revise the minutes.

Paula Dowd stated that she thought the minutes that Kate submitted were perfect. However the Town Counsel had told her they were not in legal form. She just wanted to get the revised minutes approved so this investigation could end.

Joe stated that from the very beginning the Town Counsel had been telling the Board what it had

to do with no explanation why. Counsel has never given the board, as far as he knows, any information. Something that was to take two to three weeks is still going on four months later. We as a Board should have been told it could take up to six months.

Kate stated that in hind sight, it's easier to see we should have handled this differently. However at the time we were told it had to be this way. The Board felt we were doing the right thing for everyone involved.

Paula Kuehl asked why the trustees can't sit down with the Town Administrator and go over the Director's expense account.

Joe stated that we should contact the Town Counsel.

Kate stated that we as a board should write a letter with our concerns to Town Counsel.

Paula Dowd stated that she agreed and that the Board should request an answer before our next Trustee meeting.

Paula Kuehl stated that we should have the entire Trustees name and addresses listed not just end the letter with Library Board of Trustees. This way town Counsel will know it is from all of us.

The Board drafted a letter to be typed and sent by Margaret to Cory Higgins, Town Counsel. (see attached letter)

Kate stated that we as a board have to make a statement.

Paula Dowd asked the Board to approve the revised minutes of March 11th sent to the Board by Town Counsel.

Joe stated that it must state in the minutes these are revised from the original minutes of Mary Kate Romano.

By roll call vote the revised minutes were approved by Paula Dowd, Yes, Mary Kate Romano, Yes, Joseph von Deck, Yes.

Paula Dowd asked for a motion to adjourn the Executive Session and go into Open Meeting Session.

Margaret made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session and go back into Open Meeting Session.

Paula Kuehl seconded the motion.

By roll call vote Paula Dowd, Yes, Margaret Donovan, Yes, Paula St. Laurent Kuehl, Yes, Mary Kate Romano, Yes, Joseph von Deck, Yes.

All were in favor.

Executive Session was adjourned at 6:16 P.M.

Open Meeting Session was opened by Paula Dowd at 6:17 P.M.

Margaret made a motion to go into open session,

Joe seconded the motion.

By roll call vote Paula Dowd, Yes, Margaret Donovan, Yes, Paula St. Laurent Kuehl, Yes, Mary Kate Romano, Yes, Joseph von Deck, Yes.

All were in favor.

Joe made a motion to adjourn the Open Session Meeting.

Kate seconded the motion.

By roll call vote all were in favor: Paula Dowd, Yes, Margaret Donovan, Yes, Paula St. Laurent Kuehl, Yes, Mary Kate Romano, Yes, Joseph von Deck, Yes.

All were in favor.

Open Session Meeting ended at 6:25 P.M.

Attachment A: Minutes of the Executive Session of March 11, 2013

Minutes amended and approved by the Board of Trustees on September 19, 2013